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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION ENTERS DIGITAL AGE WITH FIRST LIVE ONLINE MEETING BROADCAST

(Rolling Hills Estates) – Following through on her promise to help bring the Board of Equalization into the digital age, Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the Board of Equalization, announced that the February 27th Board of Equalization meeting would be broadcast live online, the agency's first ever online audio broadcast.

"This online broadcast is just the first step in bringing the Board of Equalization into the digital age," explained Board of Equalization Member Michelle Steel. "Technology can help us to increase taxpayer assistance, maximize government efficiency, and save taxpayer's millions."

The Board meets each month in Sacramento and several times a year in the Los Angeles area, where it hears taxpayer appeals, considers regulatory actions, and analyzes reports from its 3,800-person state agency.

Links to the audio feeds are listed below and can also be accessed through the Board's **website**:

February 27: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=38070>

February 28: <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=38071>

The Board is also looking to make saved audio recordings available online shortly.

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as the country's highest ranking Korean-American elected official. She represents the over 8.5 million taxpayers of the Third Board of Equalization District, including the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, Imperial and San Bernardino.

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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